City of Barrie
Report of the Heritage Barrie Committee
Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 06:30 PM
For consideration by the Affordability Committee

Present:
Councillor, AM. Kungl
Councillor, C. Riepma
R. Clarke
D. Exel
C. Froese
S. Loney
K. MacKinnon
S. MacKinnon
C. Prospero
P. Stevenson

Absent:
S. Marchant

Staff:
Legislative Coordinator, C. Payne
Senior Planner (Housing), L. Munnoch

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor AM. Kungl at 6:33 p.m.

2. READING OF THE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair, Councillor, AM. Kungl read the Land Acknowledgement.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

4.1 Committee Budget

L. Munnoch, Senior Planner (Housing), provided an update concerning the Committee's budget. The Committee discussed expenses from Owen Signcraft related to heritage plaque installation and replacement.

The Committee approved an expenditure up to $2,000.00 from the Heritage Barrie Budget to pay invoices from Owen Signcraft for costs related to heritage plaques for listed and designated properties.

Member C. Froese inquired about purchasing wheeled totes to assist in transporting materials during community events. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

4.2 Digital Display Contents

The Committee discussed heritage content to be displayed on digital signage boards at City facilities, including which properties should be highlighted. Members of the Committee suggested focusing on newly designated properties, buildings with architectural significance, a mix of residential, commercial and downtown areas, and the most historic properties in the City. Further discussion was held surrounding the frequency, schedule, and location of the displays.

4.3 Historic Neighbourhood Guides

L. Munnoch advised that the neighbourhood guides are in the final stages of editing and a draft copy for comment will be circulated to the Committee shortly. He advised he will provide expenditure amounts and estimated costs when the first batch is ready for printing.

4.4 Utility Box Wraps

The Committee further discussed placing historical pictures on utility boxes, particularly those along the waterfront. Members discussed organizing a walkabout to identify which locations and boxes are ideal for wrapping and will bring suggestions to the next meeting.

4.5 Heritage Barrie Awards Recap

The Committee discussed the Heritage Barrie Awards held on March 4, 2026 and commended the success of the event.

Members of the Committee provided suggestions for future Heritage Barrie Awards, including broadening the categories for recipients, and the potential inclusion of a craftsperson award category. The Committee also discussed the nomination and selection process, and the timing of the awards, inquiring whether it would be beneficial to hold the awards an alternative time of the year. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

4.6 Heritage Recognition Presentation Update

Member K. Mackinnon provided the final version of the Heritage Recognition

Presentation. The Committee discussed approaches to presenting at the City Council meeting on April 15, 2026.

4.7 Doors Open Barrie/Open Air Dunlop

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

4.8 Work Plan

Chair, Councillor, AM. Kungl provided an overview of the Committee's Work Plan.

Members discussed Committee representation at the Barrie Farmers Market and Open Air Dunlop. The Committee also discussed the scheduling and frequency of walking tours, and the possibility of finding a new Town Crier.

The Committee discussed the potential of a layer on the City's GIS Mapping highlighting designated and listed heritage properties.

Chair, Councillor, AM. Kungl will update the Work Plan and circulate it to Committee members. Further discussion of budget ranking and the Work Plan will take place at the next meeting.

4.9 Development Applications Under Review

There was no update provided concerning Development Applications Under Review.

4.10 Status of Municipal Heritage Register

L. Munnoch, Senior Planner (Housing), advised the Committee that there are a number of properties listed on the Municipal Heritage Register scheduled to be unlisted at the end of the year. Members of Committee discussed the implications of unlisted properties, and proposed sending correspondence to owners to provide information about the designation process and outline the benefits of designation. The Committee will discuss the matter further at their next meeting.

5. REFERRED ITEMS

Nil.

6. REPORTS/MEMORANDUMS TO COMMITTEE

Nil.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

CHAIRMAN